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3 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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5 An apparatus and method for preventing the spillage of a drilling fluid onto a drilling rig
6 floor. The apparatus comprises a first and second sleeve, and wherein the first and second sleeve
7 form a cylindrical container. The apparatus also includes a closing member operatively attached
8 at a first end of the first sleeve and operatively attached at a second end of the second sleeve,
9 wherein the closing member is pneumatically operated. Also included is a latching member that
10 latches the first sleeve with the second sleeve, and a seal member positioned along a face on the
11 first sleeve that cooperates with a sealing surface positioned along a face on the second sleeve. In
12 one embodiment, the latching member is a pneumatically operated piston contained within a
13 cylinder, and wherein the cylinder is attached to a first hook and the piston is attached to a second
14 hook, wherein the first latch and second latch cooperate with a fastener to latch the first sleeve
15 and the second sleeve together.